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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the autumn term. We have a very full term ahead of us and I hope you can enjoy some of the children's achievements with us.

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Apples



We are very lucky to have some wonderful produce, fruit and vegetables, in our school grounds. The children work hard to grow these and can now enjoy the fruits of their labour. This term is harvesting time which culminates with our whole school Apple Day on Friday 14th October.

The children do so enjoy harvesting and using fruit grown at school for this day and they are very disappointed when the trees have had the fruit taken from them!

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As a result we are short of apples and we would be grateful if any parents could help us out with apple donations. Please bring them in to school during week commencing 10th October.

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Kingswood

What a great time our Y5 and Y6 children had at their Kingswood residential trip this year. Those of you who follow us on Twitter (@birdhamschool) will no doubt have seen some of the challenges the children faced. There was a climbing wall, 3G swing, zip wire, supergiant Twister and rocket building amongst many many other activities. They returned to school happy but exhausted, having learned lots about themselves and each other.



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Harvest Festival

Friday 7th October is our usual Harvest Festival assembly in the school hall. All the classes will be sharing something during the assembly.

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We are also collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the local homeless shelter or to Stonepillow so if you can donate a jar or tin of something then please send them in to school on Friday next week.

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Easy Fundraising

Did you know that school is registered with Easy Fundraising? It is an affiliate program that companies sign up to which helps raise money for good causes. As a shopper, it doesn't cost you any more but the retailers donate a proportion of the profit towards your chose cause. There are over 2,500 retailers including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Wilko, Clarks, Tesco and Sainsburys.

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All you need to do is to download the easy fundraising toolbar to your web browser (Mac users need to use Firefox) and follow the instructions. There is a link to the easyfundraising home page under the calendar at the bottom left of the school website home page.

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Wasps

Unfortunately this year, we have been inundated with wasps in the orchard area around the composting bins. Hopefully by now the wasp population has died out but we are planning to move the compost bins to another area of the orchard over the winter so avoiding the problem in the future.



School Clubs

Please remember to sign up on line. A couple of our externally run clubs are in danger of not going ahead due to lack of numbers. There are spaces in all our clubs with the exception of ICT.

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Dates for your Diary

- 30 September – FPTA Mini Sparkle Disco – Birdham Village Hall
- 7 October – Harvest Festival in School Hall
- 13 – 20 October – Travelling Book Fair in School hall
- 18 October – Individual School Photographs
- 18 & 19 October – Parents Evening
- 21 October – Wear Pink for Breast Cancer care

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With kind regards

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Mark McCadden
HEADTEACHER

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